

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 2-4, 8-10, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 30-33 are currently pending. Claims 1, 5-7, 11-17, 20, 23 and 25-29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The undersigned notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 21 and 22 are allowable.

Claims 1-4, 9, 11-15, 18-20 and 23-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Hou et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,051) further in view of Dacosta et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0192322). Claims 5-8, 10, 16, 17 and 30-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Hou and Dacosta and further in view of Senapati (U.S. Patent No. 7,047,304).

Although the undersigned disagrees with these grounds of rejections, and expressly reserves the right to further prosecute the cancelled claims as well as other claims in a continuation application, all of the rejected claims have either been cancelled or amended to depend ultimately from allowed independent claim 21. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for immediate allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, he is urged to contact the undersigned at (540) 361-1863.

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